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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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FOLLOWING GOD'S PLAN

Always Move Forward no Matter if There
Are Obstructions.

DUE HONOR SHOULD BE GIVEN THOSE IN AUTHORITY

Judging from the brief history we have of God's dealings with man, we conclude that He has always had a plan for His people to follow. In many instances, however, it appears that Satan has hindered or thwarted the plan, but whether this is true or not the trace of the plan is yet to be seen.

While it appears that God often allowed man to bring disgrace upon himself and dishonor to His own worthy name, yet when He has undertaken to redeem or bring back His people to a former blessed state or even better, He has proven His ability to do it.

After the once beautiful and untarnished Adam and Eve, fresh from the hands of God in creation, were plunged into sin by disobedience, and lost their glory and power, He began soon, to again develop the race and it was only a matter of the passing of a few generations until He had a good old faithful man walking with Him in righteousness and true holiness.

When God found His people in cruel bondage under the awful whip of merciless taskmasters, He began to plan for their release. No doubt to those fired, worn and beaten Israelites, the time to wait seemed long, but when all was ready and the word was given, the deliverance was wrought in such a perfect manner that they marched out at midnight in perfect order.

Although the people of the kingdom of Judah had transgressed the sacred laws of God until there seemed to be nothing that could be done for them better than to allow Nebuchadnezzar to carry them away into captivity to Babylon, after Daniel prayed, the mighty God began to put in motion His plan for their return to their own land. So it was not long until several thousand men and women and children with their possessions were on the long, tiresome journey of nine hundred miles back to their old home.

But in every case of deliverance God found His man or men for leaders of the people whose courage was always inspired by the great Jehovah Himself. And those men were made able to far surpass the natural human intellect and ability in every way.

Those noble-hearted men were made able to meet the wily foe and never allow the criticisms of their own people to swerve them from God's purpose and plan. He brought Israel out of Egypt under the guidance of Moses and Aaron and Joshua. He brought Judah from the Babylonian captivity under the leadership of Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah, yea, He landed them safely over; not in a day or a week or a month, but He worked out His plan and made the people come to it. Following God's plan was the delight of Moses. Following

God's plan was the purpose of Nehemiah. Following God's plan brought success. Following God's plan did not always lead in a pleasant path, but those brave-hearted, iron-willed men of God's choice defied the enemy, braved the storms of criticisms, and bore down upon and conquered the very prince of defeat.

If men could follow God's plan and know no defeat in the cases of the past, it is certainly possible today. The man may not be the same; the circumstances may not be as they were in the past, but God is ever the same. And the work is not measured by man's ability, but by the power and ability of God.

In Luther's time, men gritted their teeth and clenched their fists and ran into every opposition, laughing at impossibilities and crying out "IT SHALL BE DONE." God is the same God now. Moses is no more; Joshua is gone away; Nehemiah finished up his work and took his departure; Luther fought in the battle till he fell in his tracks and is gone to his reward; but there are other men now that are as fully capable of following God's plan now as those great men were in their day.

In fact it does not depend on the man so much, for it is God that inspires and empowers the man He chooses for the special purposes to follow the plan. It was God that made Moses great. It was God that made such men as Joshua, Gideon, John the Baptist and the multitudes of others great. It was God that took the men and empowered them so they could follow His plan and be a guiding hand for others.

And we are just as truly following God's plan now as those above mentioned. We have our place to fill the same as they. We must be just as brave. We will know no defeat for it is God's work, and as we follow His plan there can be no defeat. Wars of the worst sort are raging. Perils of almost all descriptions are bearing down upon the people of earth, but the people that know their God are strong and doing exploits.

This is God's plan. The time for the Church of God to sing and shine has come. This has to be. God has spoken, and it must be so. Defeat? No, never! Give up? No not we! Stop and rest awhile? Oh no, not while souls are dropping into hell at the rate of eighty-six thousand every twenty-four hours.

Always move forward, no matter if there are obstructions. The thing has to be fought out and wound up and finished, and the bride has to be made ready for the coming of the Bridegroom.

God has put us into it and is constantly adding many more. The sheep are hearing His voice and they are following Him, and this is following God's plan, because it is God's plan for His

people to follow Jesus. Then the Church is the body of Christ, so, then to follow God's plan perfectly - places people in His Church.

It is a fact of history that there have been oppositions to God's plan and obstructions placed squarely across the way to oppress and discourage God's children who were bent on following the plan, but not a few have forced their way through and gained the heights of faith and love and stood true to the end. And if others of the past have been able to breast the oppositions and gain the victories that have been recorded, we are no less able to do the same because God is ever the same and His grace is sufficient.

The war clouds are thickening and worse trouble is brewing. The awful roars of the Satanic hosts are rending the air. Obstructions seem to be thrown across the pathway at every turn. The time of Jacob's trouble is at hand. The great tribulation period is gradually approaching, and the warning gusts of tribulations are already felt. The young men of our nation are forced away from their relatives and homes and marched off to the training camps where they are to be taught the art of slaughter.

Yes, the "day of the Lord" is at hand. "The day of the Lord is darkness, and not light." (Amos 5:18.) Surely, surely gross darkness is covering the people (Isa. 60:2.) and darkness is covering the earth. Gloom and sadness is on every hand. It was some mother's boy, who, only a few days since, was forced to dig his own grave and then made to sit on the edge while his fellow comrades were forced to level their guns and take aim and fire. In the agonies of death this young man plunged into the open grave and was covered up before the flesh ceased its quivering.

And this is going on now in this fair land of ours. But these are "war times," and the martial law in the hands of heartless men force the darkness into the homes of our republic. But it is the dawning of the day of the Lord, "and shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?" (Amos 5: 0.)

But it is our duty to go on following God's plan even if gross darkness is covering the people, and the war demons are belching forth their fury in every direction. We must always move forward no matter if there are obstructions. Our work must be done because it is in God's plan.

The walls of Jerusalem were built up by Nehemiah and his helpers in troublous times. The Church of God prospers the most while trouble is brewing or in the very midst of the darkness. Indeed, in such a time does the Lord rise upon His Church and His glory is seen there. (Isa. 60:2.) And although there are oppositions and obstructions God's plan moves on.

During the darkness on the one hand and brightness on the other, certain responsibilities are imposed upon some and they are placed in authority. This

teaching is made clear both in the type or shadow, and the New Testament Scriptures. "Obey them that have the rule over you," (Heb. 13:17.) is a clear statement that there are some in positions of authority that others are to obey. Without such positions there could be no organization, and without organization there is no church.

Following God's plan leads us up and into the most beautiful organization that can be formed, because God is the originator and has furnished the wisdom and knowledge to institute it. When this is thoroughly understood it may not be difficult to get people to yield to the form, but even if it is not understood, due honor should be given those in authority. Paul exhorts that honor should be given those to whom honor is due. (Rom. 13:7.) This, then, even though it be a small service, is following God's plan.

In reference to the ministers or those in authority in the Church, the Apostle Paul says, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor." (1 Tim. 5:17.) Then if there are some to receive double honor, of course others should receive the honor due them what ever that might be according to the position. Then we conclude that the following of God's plan will cause us to always move forward no matter if there are obstructions in the way and will lead us to give due honor to those in authority.

In God's great plan He provides for the salvation of the lost souls of earth, and does not wish the damnation of any, but that all should repent and come to Him through Jesus Christ who made atonement for the sins of the whole world. Sanctification is also provided for those whose sins are forgiven, and this as a definite subsequent experience. (Heb. 13:12.) And it is also in this plan for people thus cleansed by the blood of Jesus to be filled with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance. (John 15:26, Acts 2:4.)

In this great plan God has provided for the healing of the body without the use of medicine in any form. This is clearly shown in many places, and by many examples. People have been healed occasionally all through the ages as Scripture shows, but when Jesus came there seemed to be a new inspiration of power on this line and the multitudes of sick folks were touched by divine power. (Matt. 8:17, Mark 16:18, James 5:13-16.)

It can be truthfully said that God has provided for the comforts of His people in every respect. Though their afflictions may be many He has provided for their deliverance. (Ps. 34:19.)

No one can do a better thing than fall in line with God's great plan and urge others to do the same thing. His plan is right and should be followed by all.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I thank God for Jesus. I praise

Him for a real Pentecostal experience.

Over seven years ago the Lord saved me from my sins, sanctified me and a few months later baptized me with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. Praise His name forever!

At that time I was very frail, but the Lord wonderfully healed my body and I now have perfect health. I have gained one hundred pounds. To Jesus belongs all the glory. Hallelujah to His matchless name!

I never received the light on the Church of God until this summer. Brother Lemons came here and held a meeting, and I united with the Church and was baptized by a Spirit-filled minister.

Please pray for me.
Lula Broome.

Mitchell, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I hope to be some time.

I have been afflicted fifteen years. I desire an interest in your prayers that I may be healed. Please pray that I may live a more humble life and be able to do something for the Lord.

I hope the Lord will send a minister here to preach the Word.

Your brother in Christ,
C. A. Parker.

Laurel, Mont.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I am praising the Lord for His blessing. He has saved and sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. My wife also has received the Holy Ghost.

We have been having cottage prayer meetings and the Lord has graciously blessed us. Three have been saved and sanctified and one has received the Holy Ghost. There are other hungry hearts.

We have no preacher. Please pray that the Lord of the harvest will send a laborer into this needy field.

We love the Evangel; it brings joy to our souls. I thank God for its pages.

Your brother,
John Wardroup.

Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

I want to praise God through the pages of the Evangel for this great salvation and for the joy deep down in my soul. Praise the Lord!

I was converted about seven years ago; four years later I was sanctified and about three months afterward, the Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost, evidenced, of course, with the speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Praise His name!

There are just a few of us here who have the baptism with the Spirit, and we have strong opposition, but we are determined to press on.

Your brother,
O. T. Davis.

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Note the new tract added to the list of tracts. "The Baptist Deacon's Story."

Remember the dollar proposition to secure the means to pay off the debt on the Assembly building.

It will be perfectly all right for anybody to prepare their own food and bring it when they come to the Assembly if they want to and thus board themselves. The entertainment will be free as far as possible except the meals.

As has been the practice for a number of years, the paper will not be published Assembly week. We make this note now so that all may be informed and thus not be disappointed when they fail to get their paper that special week.

The Programs for the Assembly are ready and we will take pleasure in forwarding them to any who will ask for them. These programs are not for the purpose of forcing everything to a rigid rule, but only as a matter of convenience to have an outline to follow in case the Spirit or necessities do not lead otherwise.

The general passenger agency is preparing and arranging to give us reduced rates on the railroads to and from the Assembly, but they have not yet matured their plans. Just as soon as this is done and they furnish us with the necessary instructions we will publish them in full. We hope to get as good rates as we had last year, and better if possible.

The Assembly---Who is Going To Attend?

We want your names before hand so we can make arrangements for your entertainment. There is prospect of a larger attendance than last year, so it will take a more carefully prepared system to arrange for accommodations for all. Just as soon as you decide to come let us have a postal card. If one writes for several, please give the name of each one, and do not only say, "There are a certain number coming." We want the names this time. Some have already written and told us they expect to come, but that notice will not suffice now, as we did not have the books opened then. But from this time on we will keep a careful registry and endeavor to make arrangements for your entertainment. When

you write, tell us if you can bring a pillow, or comfort, or blanket, or any kind of bedding. And I wish to say now that we want all who can do so to bring as much bedding as they can. Everything you say you will bring will be carefully noted and registered with your name and address. All these matters must be arranged for before hand so as to avoid extra trouble at the Assembly. If you do not take heed to this notice we cannot promise to provide for you as comfortably as we would like. Do not arrive in Harriman until the very last day of October. tf

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Saints of the Church of God:

I am glad that I can say I am one of you. The last Sunday night of September, just past, I was received into the dear Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn., of which Brother A. J. Tomlinson is pastor.

We had a jubilee—a homecoming; and ever since that time I have felt within a deep satisfaction I never before realized. Praise God! And while I am saved and sanctified and have been for many years, the fact that I really belong to God's Church has put me to every-day work examining myself to see if there is anything about me to keep the Holy Ghost from coming in; and then, too, I want to be as clean as any member of God's Church, and I shall be, glory to God!

I was a licensed preacher in the Missionary Baptist Church until I joined the Church of God. I am now tarrying for the baptism with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit shall give the utterance through me as in Acts 2:4, and prophesied of in Joel 2:28. I shall never be satisfied until the Holy Ghost testifies for Himself, whose testimony we Church of God people accept, and His only.

I have for many months felt the need of being filled with the Holy Ghost, who endues with power all who receive Him; therefore I have ceased preaching so much without the Holy Ghost and power from on high, and am seeking the best I know how, for the Holy Ghost and His power. Pray for me, every one of you, until I receive Him and when He is come in, if not before, I feel sure that you will hear from me again.

I want to say, too, that I really love the Church of God better than I can tell. You should know what I have had to forsake up to this time for God and His Church.

I am trying my very best to be as free as our Brother Million of this place; he is free indeed; and I SHALL be. Glory to God!

Oh! I could fill the Evangel every week (if I were allowed to) telling about this glorious way. Our God works miracles for I have seen them worked by Him. He is working with His people and confirming the Word in His Church. He is doing so here in Cleveland.

Last July, providence led me from home five or six hundred miles distant, and I knew not where I was going until I arrived in Chattanooga, Tenn. While there the Lord directed me to Cleveland to see His Church and what He is doing with it. I am captivated, praise God! and glad of it. I wish everybody were right and belonged to the Church of God.

Yours, under the blood,
B. S. Moody.

Gone to Live With Jesus.

Brother Josh Ricket, a member of the Church of God at Soddy, Tenn., departed this life Sept. 27, 1917. He leaves a wife, seven children and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Brother Ricket received the baptism with the Holy Ghost three years ago. He lived a holy life and left this world with victory in his soul, singing and praising the Lord.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, W. R. Anderson and Brother Mulkey.

Gone to be With Jesus.

Brother Clarence A. Lowe, a member of the Church of God at the Current, Bahama Is., fell asleep in Jesus, Sept. 15, 1917.

Brother Lowe was converted and sanctified and was surely full of zeal for God, and lived a life devoted to His service.

He leaves to mourn his loss a father, mother, and relatives, but their loss is heaven's gain. We expect to meet him in the morning of the resurrection.

Charlotte M. Fox.

Fox Bluff, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus Dear Name:

I am still praising God for victory in my soul. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and He keeps me at all times.

I want to ask each one to pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost, and that my body may be healed. I have been afflicted for several years.

Yours in His care,
Mrs. Clara Wyman.

Another Gone Home.

Sister Louis, wife of Brother Tom Louis, went to live with Jesus Oct. 6, 1917. She leaves a husband, four children, relatives and many friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Louis received the Holy Ghost about three years ago, and walked in all the light as it came. She was a member of the Church of God at Soddy, Tenn. We will miss her very much but our loss is heaven's gain.

Arcadia, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I praise Him for His healing power. He healed me of appendicitis and I want to give Him all the glory for it. I was so very bad that I could not walk without holding my side. I suffered more than I can tell, but when the dear saints prayed for me the dear Lord healed me completely. Bless His dear name!

I praise the Lord for the dear old Church of God of which I am a member. Wife and I went to Manatee and came back into the dear old Church of God September 23rd. We certainly enjoyed a feast of good things from the Lord.

Pray earnestly for us that we may be in the center of God's will at all times.

Your brother, looking for our coming King,

W. W. Bohannon.

Asleep in Jesus.

Little Georgia Edean four-year old daughter of Sister Nannie and Mr. Garner Hagewood, went to live with Jesus Oct. 10, 1917. She was a dear, sweet child and loved by all who knew her.

May God bless and comfort the bereaved parents.

Viya Bishop.

Thurber, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad because Jesus abides within my heart. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Glory to God!

It certainly makes my heart rejoice to read the Evangel. There are so many good, fiery testimonies. I love to hear from the saints in other places.

We have to contend with the devil quite often, but we know our God has power over all things and by His grace we are able to overcome. I certainly do want to obey God in all things.

My husband saw a vision a short time ago. A great cloud arose in the east, from this cloud came a ball of fire which went toward the sun and was so much brighter than the sun that the sun looked dim, then it went to the northwest and fell and when it hit the ground there was a great dust raised and a voice was heard. The cloud stayed in the east until the ball of fire fell, then it all disappeared. Oh, that we might understand the mysteries just beyond our reach!

Minnie Hall.

Shrewsbury, W. Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my great King. I praise Him because I have salvation and the burden of sin is no longer on my heart. I praise Him because the Holy Ghost abides.

The Lord sure does bless us and give us victory over Satan. Several here have been healed and shouted the victory. The great Church of God is established here with eighteen members. Glory to God!

Your little sister under the blood,

Ida Paxton.

Fargo, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The saints of Fargo, Ga., witnessed a miracle on the night of Sept. 23, 1917, when the Lord raised Sister Ethel Montgomery from the jaws of death.

About sundown she was taken with a pain in her heart and side. For about three hours it seemed that death was inevitable. She spoke in tongues until she became too weak to speak at all.

While she was able to talk she told of her calling to the field to gather the lost ones for Jesus, stating that further delay would mean her departure from this world. She stated that she was otherwise ready to go.

Soon after this her breath ceased; just how long she was in this condition is not exactly known, but those at her bedside supposed the length of time to have been between five and ten minutes. These sisters stated that her body was cold. Her face was purple and her jaws seemed to be locked.

After a time the power of the Lord fell; the Spirit worked in a marvelous way. She revived and began speaking in other tongues.

It was a trying time, but the Lord raised her up from the jaws of death. It seemed that her spirit was called from afar. When she was entirely healed, it seemed that she had been away some where in the distance.

This scene was indeed remarkable. It was witnessed by several people whose names can be given. Praise God for victory!

D. F. Baldree.

Jasper, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I thank God for His mighty saving grace and healing power.

Several of us have just returned from Graysville. We had a good time but you know the devil is still trying to overthrow the truth. We desire an interest in your prayers that we may be faithful and able to overcome all difficulties.

I have started to go all the way. Praise His name!

Your brother in Christ,
J. R. Goins.

Augusta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the good old time religion. I am glad the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost as on the day of Pentecost. A little later I became a member of the great Church of God.

I am glad because I can hold up a standard before this lost world. I was once a member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church but I have found something better. I said I did not want the Holy Ghost if I had to go to the Church of God to seek Him but I had to go right there before I could receive the blessing.

Please pray for me. I am out in the work for the Lord preaching the gospel of the Son of God.

Ed Johnson.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say that I am still saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus. How I do praise God for full salvation through Jesus' precious blood.

The Lord is still blessing us here in the Church of God. Eight persons were baptized in water last Sunday, Oct. 7. All speak in tongues. Thirteen were added to the Church of God. Praise the Lord for His wonderful power!

We now have two churches in the state. We beg an interest in the prayers of the saints.

Your brother in Christ,
W. S. Smith.

Haynes, Ark.

To the Church of God Evangel:

I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. I am so thankful for the way God is working in this place.

We moved here last autumn from Cascilla, Miss. The people here had never heard sanctification preached. We began praying for the Lord to send us a preacher who could rightly divide the Word. We continued praying until the Lord sent Brother Sprinkle and he certainly preached the truth.

We can never praise the Lord enough for the manifestation of His power in our midst. Fifteen received the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine were baptized with water and added to the Church of God.

The Lord is still working since the preacher went away. Two received the Holy Ghost last Wednesday night and one at our prayer meeting last night. Hallelujah!

They are planing to build a church here. Please pray that the church will prosper and be found spotless when Jesus comes.

May God's blessing be upon His children everywhere until we meet in the air.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Mae Orsborne.

"What is The Matter With the Holiness People?"

SAM C PERRY

This is a question in the minds of many. Where is the old-time fire and fervor once possessed by this movement?

With what zeal and power their evangelists used to press out into needy fields, and they did indeed set things on fire almost everywhere they went.

Whole communities were awakened, those not accustomed to attend church anywhere were reached by the hundreds.

But where are these conquering legions now? There was a time when conferences, conventions, nor anything else could stop them, they feared no foe, and yielded to none. But today where are they? Some movement or other has absorbed them. Many of them have become like those around them, and settled down to take things easy. Some have taken up the pastorate in some denomination or other, some have fallen out all together, some have gone on to glory, and others have gone on to deeper depths and higher heights spiritually. They can't be found on the same territory.

The truth is my dearly beloved, when God sent the revival of justification by faith, there was a great shaking among the dry bones. When the world was covered with darkness God would have men know that they could be saved and know it. But the conditions of earth were such that it required the martyr spirit to lift up such a standard among men, but thank God there were those on earth whom God could trust, and the work of the reformation went right on until this standard was permanently established. Many thousands wept their way to Cavalry and were justified by faith and then lived a victorious life and died in the consciousness of their acceptance with God.

Then the time came when God would have men know Him more perfectly. John Wesley and a host of others were used to establish the truth of heart purity by faith. In this God lifted the standard a little higher, required a little more of His people. Thousands upon thousands embraced this truth. The cloud of God's glory rested above them, they were walking in the light, although something of the martyr spirit was required to do it, yet to almost every land these fire-brands have gone, and while they have met with opposition at almost every turn, their enemies were compelled to confess that God was with them, they out shined those who stood only for justification.

No doubt many failed to keep their justification because they saw God wanted them to be sanctified and they refused to walk in the light. Justification was right as far as it went, but God required more. The cloud of His presence moved on and these rejectors failed to go on therefore the glow and freshness of their justification faded out.

Now these sanctified people reached a point where God has lifted the curtain a little higher. He wants more than a pure heart. He says "Be filled with the Spirit," and now God has given this experience to many thousands as at Pentecost.

Nothing in modern times has spread like this. Thousands who were leaders in the holiness movement have lifted up their hands in holy horror (?) at

the idea of speaking in tongues today, but they have the same right to do so and reject the baptism of the Holy Ghost as the justified people did sanctification as a second work of grace. Brother, let us walk in the light. The cloud of God's glory is moving on and the holiness people have not moved on with it, that's what's the matter. Just as well expect the justified people to have victory after rejecting heart purity as those who reject the Holy Ghost to have it.

Those who reject the Holy Ghost use practically the same arguments as those who reject holiness. "Hypocrites," "too many blessings," "too much noise," "discounting the experience of those who don't see as you do, etc."

Brother we have the "goods" and if you will be right honest and look over false professors, fanatics, and ignoramuses (for every movement of God has them following along) God will let you see the truth.

There is no use to get back the old-time fire unless you move the cause that carried it away. If you will open your heart and willingly follow on to go all the way with the Lord, He will give you back your old-time experience and more.

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am glad to say that through the power of the Holy Ghost, I am living a victorious life over sin and Satan.

The Church membership here is small, but the members who are here are living close to Jesus.

Our pastor has moved away, but was here last Friday. We were blessed by the presence of the Lord. The power fell; the saints danced, talked in tongues and handled fire. The sick were healed, praise the Lord!

We have had many difficulties in obtaining a building in which to worship the Lord, but praise His name, through the prayers of the saints He has given us a house. We are giving Him the praise.

I do enjoy reading the testimonies of the saints who are scattered abroad; they are food to my soul.

Please pray for me that I may be a soul-winner for Jesus. I want to be ready when the Master calls for me. I want to hear the words: "You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many."

May God bless all the Evangel readers.

Your sister,
Nancy Voiles.

Testimony of a Drafted Soldier Boy.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I shall say, first, that I am in a bad place for any Christian boy. One, having never had any experience, does not know what it means to be in a training camp where card-playing and all kinds of wickedness is being carried on. There is no preaching to listen to, and no praying except when I do it myself. Such surroundings makes one want to be at home with papa and mamma.

I am the only boy here who has the Holy Ghost. He is so precious to me. I love the

blessed Savior who died for me on dark Calvary. He keeps me in this wicked crowd.

The boys read their Testaments, but pay as little attention to its teaching, as if it were a story book. I am sorry to have to say it, but this is almost like being in torment except there is no fire.

I have told the boys that this is the fulfillment of the Scripture, and the best way I see out of the tribulation is to obey the Lord. Glory to God! I mean to trust Him with all of my heart.

I am training for battle; but there is plenty of other work here that I could do if I were only permitted. Please have a special prayer for me, and ask the Lord to place me in another line.

Please pray for me and for all the Christian boys in all training camps. It is hard for us, and getting harder all the time. Don't forget us as if we were dead, for we need your prayers. I love you all. I shall appreciate letters from my friends. Any good word will help me along.

Your brother in Christ,
Private Brooks Baker,
Co. I. 328th Inf.
Camp Gordon,
Atlanta, Ga.

Monarat, Va.

Dear Evangel Family:

Brother Arthur Fortner has just closed a meeting at this place. Our pastor was with us, also Brother Turner and his wife and daughter were appreciated helpers in the meeting.

During services of one week, four were saved, two sanctified and one reclaimed.

We are always glad to have Brother Fortner with us to give out the Word. He has done a great deal of good in Monarat.

Please pray for us that we may be faithful till Jesus comes.

E. L. Hanks.

Ranger, Ga.

Dear Evangel:

Today finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I praise God for the way He is blessing His people in these last days. I am so glad I have the privilege of living in this age. I love to tell people about Jesus and His mighty power to save from sin.

Jesus has done much for me. I am fully determined to go all the way with Him. As I read His precious Word and see that it is so nearly fulfilled, I realize His coming is not far in the future.

Glory to God! I am delighted with this way because it is the way Jesus went. No unclean thing can walk in the way. People must be cleansed from sin by the precious blood of Jesus.

I mean to fight the battle till Jesus comes or calls. Hallelujah!

Your sister,
Rosa Willix.

Dora, Ala.

Dear Saints:

How I do praise God for salvation! I praise Him for the precious blood of Jesus that was shed for me.

I'm glad I can feel the power of the Holy Ghost. I know He abides for He testifies.

I am glad to be a member of the Church of God.

Please pray for me. I want to be one of the number that will rise to meet Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,
Beulah Butler.

Fox Bluff, Tenn.

Fox Bluff still reports victory. Brother Wilbert E. Halle, of Fordville, Ky., has been with us again and the saints are encouraged to press on and continue in the war against the enemy of souls.

At the service on Friday evening Brother Halle and some of the sisters were led to place their hands in fire and also in boiling water. They were not burned by either, but danced the victory and talked in tongues for a time.

At the service Sunday afternoon the power fell and the saints danced, talked in tongues and shouted the victory over the enemy. At the altar call six came forward for sanctification, the baptism with the Spirit, or freedom.

The saints have been strengthened as a result of the meeting, and I praise God that He yet saves, sanctifies and heals.

Brother Halle has been with us before; he and his wife were with us last June.

Your brother,
Marion Hampton

Portsmouth, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

I am so glad the days of miracles are still with us Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. I praise Him for what my eyes have seen and my ears heard. His name shall be called wonderful for He is doing wonderful things.

Our Lord can deliver in childbirth without going through the awful suffering. Our sister took Jesus as her physician and trusted in Him and through it all she sang, prayed and talked in tongues and the room was filled with the power of God. It was wonderful how God's presence was there and anointed us with His blessings. Matt. 8:17 says "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." We give Him all the glory for with His stripes we are healed.

Pray for me and my loved ones that we may meet the saints when Jesus comes for His bride.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. M. J. Wilson.

Istachatta, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I praise God for salvation. I am so glad I ever learned to trust Jesus and take Him at His word. I praise Him because I am saved, sanctified by the precious blood that was shed on Calvary and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I praise Him because I am in the great Church of God, the ground and the pillar of the truth, the only true church there is and ever will be.

I want to buckle on the armor of God, and stand firm for the truth and have this white-heated love of God in my heart. Oh, I would not give up my experience for anything in this world. This is nothing for which to go back compared with what is before us.

The Lord has been blessing us wonderfully and we have enjoying the feast. It seems we are on the mountain tops where the sunlight of His love can beam upon us and make us shine for Him.

I know that Jesus is our example and He has set up the standard for us to follow and it is for us to obey and pattern after our great Example.

Oh, how wonderful it is that

Jesus ever came into this world to save from sin and died on the cross and shed His blood that we might be sanctified and then returned to the Father that the Holy Ghost might come. Praise God!

I am so glad I am one of His peculiar people. I have been in this way for only a year and I am more delighted with it each day. I intend to make heaven my home. I am so glad we can trust Jesus with our bodies as well as our souls. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. Glory to God!

May we all be true till Jesus comes.

Your sister under the blood,
Eva Peterson.

Notice.

To the saints in Alabama all who aim to attend the Assembly Nov. 1-6. Please meet me in Chattanooga, Tenn., in time to leave there for Harriman on the 5:20 train on the morning of October 31 st.

T. S. Payne overseer.

Charlotte, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for this full and free salvation and I know I belong to Him. I praise Him for saving me from a devil's hell and sanctified me through the precious blood of Jesus and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues.

Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ,
Dottie Compeng.

Lawton, Okla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the saints of God:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I am so glad I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

We need some one who is filled with the Holy Ghost to come and preach here. These people need the Word of God.

My foot is sore and I want each one to pray that I may be healed. Also pray that papa may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I know the Lord will bless His children if we will only keep His commandments. I am determined to do all I can for Jesus.

Your sister in Him,
Allie Pearson.

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have the victory and the Lord is giving me the blessed privilege of seeing souls get salvation.

I pitched my tent at Lee Station two weeks ago; we had difficulties to overcome, but the Lord worked and gave the victory. Four received the Holy Ghost, some were saved and sanctified. There are about twelve to be baptized.

During the meeting a rattle snake and a copperhead were brought in and handled by the saints. The Word was confirmed with signs following.

Please pray for me that God will bless my labors. God bless you all.

Your brother,
John Delong.

Do not forget the ONE DOLLAR for the Assembly Building.

Earle, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to offer a few words of praise to my Lord for saving me and for sanctifying me and for the blessed baptism with the Holy Ghost. Praise His dear name! The Holy Ghost speaks in other tongues.

I was for fifteen years a drunkard, and nearly everything else that Satan wanted me to be. I fought holiness, of course. But I thank God for the institution of a plan of salvation that reached even me. The blood of Jesus took away all the corruption and love of the world from my heart and now there is peace and joy that nothing can disturb. Instead of opposing the truth I am opposing sin and wickedness.

Brother Ed. Johnson and I are trying to get people saved. Pray that we may do just what the Lord wants us to do that we may be used of Him.

Your brother in Christ,
J. S. Pilcher.

Bosworth, Ky.

Dear Friends:

I have been a member of the Church of God for several months. I have stepped out to live for God and to do His will. I want to learn more about Jesus every day.

I stand for a pure, clean and holy life. I have been saved two years and have been a candidate for the baptism with the Holy Ghost ever since I saw the light upon this truth.

My husband has received the Holy Ghost, and our home has been changed from a drunkard's home to a home of rejoicing. Our doors are always open to the friends of Jesus.

Please pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Martha J. Lunsford.

London, Ky.

Dear Readers:

For the glory of God I desire to say through the columns of the paper that, for eighteen months I was a sufferer with heart trouble. One lung was affected and my nerves were in a terrible condition. I lost interest in life. The physician said I might die any time.

I had received the baptism with the Holy Ghost several years before, but I had failed to trust God for my body as I see now that He wants us to do. However I decided I would quit all medicines and trust God alone. As I took this stand by faith, I was certainly put to the test. I became much worse, very low indeed I thought surely I would die and that perhaps God did not want me to live.

But some of God's true children held on for me until they got the victory. The Lord showed me He did not heal except for His own glory, that He would not share His glory with another.

Jesus and the angels were with me. The healing power came first in my feet, and stayed for several days; it would leave for a short time, then return, until my feet were perfectly well.

Next the power went to my heart and lungs and would go over the same parts of my body that the physicians examined with instruments. They could not reach the affected parts, but God's power could reach them.

The power would straighten my stooped form and expand my lungs and work in different parts of my body making me whole.

I am so unworthy of God's goodness to me, but I am trying to give God the glory for all He

has done for me.

I should be glad to receive personal letters from the saints anywhere.

I desire to ask a special prayer for my son who has joined the army.

Your sister in Jesus,
Mrs. Chas. F. Jones.

Testimony.

Dear Evangel:

I thank God for His unspeakable Gift. I am so glad that God through His infinite love and mercy brought me out of darkness into this marvelous light.

Jesus is so precious to me; He is more to me than all the wealth of this world can ever be. He has been healing my family for ten years. Praise His name!

We have had some good services. Several have been healed of various diseases. Some have received the Holy Ghost.

Pray that God will be glorified and Jesus exalted in our lives.

Mrs. J. A. Williams.

Cheap Hill, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to my blessed Savior who has been so good to me. On July 27, 1914, the Lord reclaimed me, sanctified me, and in the following September He baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

Many times things would look very dark and gloomy but the Lord would always help me through. Praise His name!

I want to do something for Jesus, and desire your prayers that God will strengthen and help me according to my need.

Please pray that my husband may be saved.

Your unworthy sister,
Evie Bowker.

Jefferson City, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I was converted and joined the Methodist Church at the age of twelve years. I walked in all the light that came to me at that time.

By and by I learned that I could be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I walked on in the clearer light and was wonderfully sanctified about two years ago; three months later I received the Holy Ghost. I am still shouting the victory.

Jesus is my physician for soul and body; I trust in Him alone. Praise His precious name!

A number of saints from this place went to Cedar Hill Saturday and Sunday. The Lord graciously blessed His children. We had the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet.

I desire the prayers of God's people that I may be a soul winner for Christ.

Your humble sister,
Mrs. Roy Morrisett.

P. S. I shall appreciate the kindness if some one will give me the address of Brother Stokely Walker.

Gadsden, Ala.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am an unsaved person; I know if the Lord should come I am not ready to go with the saints.

My health is going down; I am not able to attend religious services. My little girl goes to Sunday school and also attends the services of the Church of God in Alabama City. She tells me of the good meetings and says: "Mamma, I know that church is right and I am going there all the time." This causes me to want to go very much but

I am not able to go.

But I do not want to be lost; I don't want to go to hell. I want to be saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and speak in other tongues. Please pray that my prayers may be answered.

I enjoy reading the Evangel. I am glad to read the testimonies and hope some day I can say I am saved and have the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. W. M. Mason.

Cedar Grove, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The revival at this place closed Sunday night with great victory. Twenty-three have been saved; among this number is a Catholic who came through shouting the victory.

We had a baptismal service Sunday morning; twelve were baptized.

We had a wonderful meeting Sunday night. As we were singing "God be with you till we meet again," and bidding the people farewell, the power began falling; a sister began speaking in tongues and the interpretation followed, "Jesus is coming as a thief in the night, also some are getting their last warning." Men and women fell in the altar and cried out for salvation. One dear soul was saved. People were convinced that this is the true way.

I praise God for His Church; it is coming to the front in Kentucky.

Chas. E. Lockard.

Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise my Redeemer who has answered my prayer.

Some time ago I heard that Jesus had died that we all might be saved, and in reading the Bible I found it to be really true. I began praying and the Lord heard my prayers and saved me. Shortly afterward He sanctified me. When I saw that to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost was my privilege, I walked in the light and obtained the experience. Praise His Holy name!

I am now a member of the Church of God. Brother Haynes organized the church here with six members; now, we have eighteen members, nearly all of whom have the baptism with the Holy Ghost. We certainly have some good meetings.

Pray for us.

Your brother,
Floyd Rollins.

McMinnville, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I praise the Lord for such a wonderful salvation. I like to walk in the way of holiness. The Holy Ghost fills us with love and glory. We feel like living for Jesus and loving everybody.

Satan is working in every way possible to destroy us, but the Lord helps us through all the difficulties of life. Jesus has promised to go with us all the way, even to the end of the world.

I am so glad I ever found this precious way. It is spotless and clean. I gave up my snuff and I've never taken it up again. Jesus is my physician; He has taken care of me, soul and body, for one year. I desire to do something for Him. I want to do His will.

Your sister,
Sarah Hale.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am so glad the Lord picked me up out of the miry clay of sin and placed my feet on the solid rock, where with the help of the Lord, I expect to stay.

Jesus is our best and truest friend. He will bear burdens for us if we will put our trust in Him. Though the way looks dark sometimes, He will carry us through.

I think it is advisable sometimes for us to not talk of afflictions. I was afflicted once with a cancer. My husband, who is not a believer, worried me until I consented to an operation. About the time I was well of that, another cancer came on another part of my body. I didn't tell my relatives about it but took my case to the Lord, anointed myself, and trusted Him; He heard my prayers and the work was done. Today my faith is as strong or stronger than ever before. I felt like I should tell my experience; perhaps it will be a blessing to someone. I want to be faithful to the end and do all I can for my Master.

Your sister in Christ,
Maggie Malone.

Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints:

I want to praise my blessed Redeemer for all He has done for me. I thank Him for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost, over three years ago.

I am determined to go on in this good way. It is the best thing I ever found. It gives me joy in my soul and a desire to live a right life before God and man.

I ask all of the saints to pray for my healing.
Your brother in Christ,
Howard Lowe.

Preston, Md.

The Church of God at Preston, Md. has recently been favored with a visit by Brother Holmes. He came to us Sept. 11 and remained with us until Sept. 19. Prior to his visit with us, he had been assisting Brother J. W. Pitcher in revival services in Baltimore, Md.

We can truthfully say that our Brother Holmes came to us in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. We regret that our meeting was not more widely advertized so that the people could have had the opportunity of hearing this man of God.

Brother Holmes goes from here to Trappe, Md. where, the Lord willing, he will conduct a meeting. May God bless him and give him many souls for his hire.

Yours in Christ,
M. A. Cohee.

Camp Meeting Notice

The Wimauma State Camp meeting will begin, the Lord willing, Nov. 15.

There will be a restaurant on the grounds for the accommodation of visitors, and whatever other provisions can be made for their entertainment will be done, but let all who can do so, come prepared to camp, or otherwise provide for themselves.

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